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When fortune is on our side, popular favor
bears her company. Publus Syrus.

WHERE TARIFF REVISIONISTS WILL STRIKE A SNAG

Willett & Gray's sugar journal summarizes the tariff situation pretty accurately in the following remarks from the latest issue:

"President-elect Wilson has announced an extra session of Congress to be called not later than April 15, especially for revision of tariff duties on wool, cotton, metal and sugar.

"The contest on the sugar schedule promises to be the most violent of any previous experience, the opposition to reduction being led largely by as strong a delegation as Louisiana is able to send to Washington to protect her cane sugar industry from being nearly wiped out by the final passage of the bill which now lies quiescent in the conference committee of both houses of Congress, ready to be returned at the reassembling of Congress on December 2 without waiting for the extra session.

"There is some question in some minds as to whether a compromise on a more suitable reduction at the December session might not prove more advantageous to the domestic cane and beet industries than any action that can be anticipated at the extra session, and provided the December session action can be made binding on the April session, as it no doubt can be by understanding with certain members of the senate.

"In any event, it may be worth an effort to accomplish, in view of the possibility, if not done at the December session, that the senate even with a small Democratic majority, may find itself, debarred from any action on the sugar schedule for two years or more by reason of non-support by a few senators.

"A big fight on sugar duties is immediately ahead, with results impossible to foresee, between the two extremes of free sugar (or large reduction) or nothing doing."

THE DIVINING ROD

"Hard-headed businessmen" who have brought here from the Antipodes an alleged expert in finding hidden sources of water, and who hope that the exercise of his occult powers will solve the irrigation problem of Lanai, will be interested in a summary of the "divining-rod scheme" as it is called, sent out by the United States Geological Survey. This morning's mail brought the bulletin, which treats of the divining-rod as follows:

No appliance, either mechanical or electric, has yet been devised that will detect water in places where plain common sense and close observation will not show its presence just as well. Numerous mechanical devices have been proposed for detecting the presence of underground water, ranging in complexity from the simple forked branch of witch hazel, peach, or other tree to more or less elaborate mechanical or electric contrivances. Many of the operators of these devices, especially those who use the home-cut forked branch, are entirely honest in the belief that the working of the rod is influenced by agencies—usually regarded as electric currents following underground streams of water—that are entirely independent of their own bodies, and many people have implicit faith in their own and others' ability to locate underground water in this way. In experiments with a rod made from a forked branch it seemed to turn downward at certain points independent of the operator's will, but more complete tests showed that this downturning resulted from slight and, until watched for, unconscious muscular action, the effects of which were communicated through the arms and wrists to the rod. No movement of the rod from causes outside of the body could be detected, and it soon became obvious that the view held by other men of science is correct—that the operation of the "divining rod" is generally due to unconscious movements of the body or of the muscles of the hand. The experiments made show that these movements occur most frequently at places where the operator's experience has led him to believe that water may be found.

The uselessness of the divining rod is indicated by the facts that it may be worked at will by the operator, that he fails to detect strong water currents in tunnels and other channels that afford no surface indications of water, and that his locations in limestone regions where water flows in well-defined channels are no more successful than those dependent on mere guess. In fact, its operators are successful only in regions in which ground water occurs in a definite sheet of porous material or in more or less clayey deposits, such as pebbly clay or till. In such regions few failures can occur, for wells can get water almost anywhere.

The only advantage of employing a "water witch," as the operator of the divining rod is sometimes called, is that crudely skilled services are thus occasionally obtained, for the men so employed, if endowed with any natural aptitude, become through their experience in locating wells shrewd, if sometimes unconscious observers of the occurrence and movements of ground water.

LOVEMAKING AS A SERIOUS ART

The recent movement to promote knowledge of and support for eugenics in Hawaii lends

point just now to the mention of another movement in race development, although in some respects opposed to eugenics. Dr. Wolfgang Hassall of Munich and Vienna advocates the institution of a university of love. At first blush the idea carries more of a humorous than a serious aspect, but Dr. Hassall has gone at the matter with all the earnestness of a scientist in new fields. His aims are high and pure. He wishes to outwit the eugenist, who abjures love, he complains, and correct the romanticist, who extols love unworthily.

He condemns the modern man's lovmaking as banal and ineffective. Germans and Austrians in particular, he says, are bad lovers, "because it is part of our feudal particularist spirit to be narrow and inexpansive. Real lovers are bold. Germans, however bravely amorous, have not the courage to avow love bravely.

"The women are worse than the men. The German girl is a prey to subjective dubitations, which make her at the critical instant do the wrong thing instead of the right."

Dr. Hassall's "High School of Marriage Sciences" will put an end to all this. It will be a serious institution. No boys or girls will be admitted. Only graduates of other universities and high schools will be allowed to matriculate.

"The high school will be in the nature of a teachers' seminary; that is, it will train teachers and not train pupils. These teachers will afterward teach in Germany a proper attitude toward courtship and toward the pre-marital relations of the sexes."

If ever the planters were entitled to have a little fun, it was after one of the most successful conventions they ever held, judged by the amount of scientific knowledge presented by trained experts and experienced workers. From a comparison of notes, in desultory fashion, by managers on problematic questions, the proceedings of the association have come to be more like those of a scientific body. As a result of the development of the association's modes of research and experiment, the Hawaiian sugar industry today makes a profit out of what was formerly wasted on the plantations. Hawaii is now looked upon by the whole sugar world as the country from which the latest word in cultivation and manufacture is to be sought.

Some of that advice handed out to the Pacific Mail Company on the stopping of opium smugglers hits the point. Underpaid Chinese crews, a spoils system among the higher officers, and the permission of all sorts of gambling and "dope" smoking aboard ship, are not exactly in line with a sincere effort to stop the smuggling evil.

From New Haven, the home of learning as exemplified in Yale University, comes the following illuminating comment in a daily paper:

The natives of Hawaii are large consumers of alligator eggs, which are secured principally from the island of Laysan, in the Pacific, not far away from the Hawaiian group. These eggs are so plentiful on this island that they are gathered in wheelbarrows and carried to the shore in boxes and loaded on a small industrial railroad.

Evidently the underwriters ignore the fact that there has been no serious fire in Honolulu for nearly thirteen years, and the last one was when half the town was burned down in a blaze started "on purpose."

Figuring that war in Europe is going to boom sugar in Hawaii, it might be a good idea for the planters to contribute something to the campaign fund of Montenegro.

It may be suggested that nobody else could say to the sugar planters what they said to each other at their annual banquet last night—and get away with it.

Twenty-five hundred application blanks are being prepared for job-seeking Democrats. Another good argument for getting commission government here as soon as possible.

What a pity Governor Carter didn't think of the forked hazel switch before he swapped off Lanai.

And now a bold muck-raker suggests investigating Bulgaria's campaign fund.

Shopping weather now.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

A MISTAKEN METHOD OF FIGHTING CRIME.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir—Nothing can be gained by trying to make out the McCarrison affair a case of rape. To exaggerate will do the cause of community purity more harm than good, because a misstatement by those who are trying to improve conditions is certain to be used as a barrier of defense or excuse by those who are indifferent or opposed to reform.

The McCarrison case was not a rape case. It was a case of moral harm done the cause of reform, and actual harm done the city by doing as the morning paper is doing from day to day, placing an affair before the community accompanied by a persistent misrepresentation of facts. This sort of thing disgusts many people and makes them turn away from an assistance that would be valuable. Goodness knows that the affair is bad enough in its true light. Why alienate support and supporters in the cause of cleaner morals and the protection of women by deliberate misrepresentation?

AVERAGE CITIZEN.

Honolulu, Dec. 6, '12.

WHAT IS AN AMERICAN?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Dear Sir: The other evening at the Biju it was stated by one of the speakers that a majority of the local offenders against the virtue of young girls, were Americans.

It is to be regretted that more definite information was not furnished by the speaker, since the matter of races was mentioned at all, because without some qualification the word "American" has little meaning as an ethnological definition. What is an American—as the term is used to-day?

A man of any race whatever who has qualified as an American citizen under extremely lenient laws, or a person born in the country of foreign parents, possibly as ignorant of true American spirit as if he had been born in Dahomey.

Here is a list from a New York court record: "B—American (parents Italian), rape; P—American (parents German), felony; H—American (parents Italian and French Canadian), fornication; L—American (parents German), murder; S—American (parents Hungarian), infanticide; L—American (parents English), forgery; P—American (parents American), embezzlement. These are all Americans—and yet?

If you are going to make individual comparisons, give us the facts. Tell us who the parents and grandparents were, and don't fasten on the name AMERICAN the incubus of crime which should be distributed among several races.

Many native-born "Americans" are as foreign to all our institutions and indigenous population as if they had never seen our shores.

That is nothing against them, but it is a fact. And another fact is that the American of sufficiently long native ancestry, does not figure largely in the criminal calendar.

Give a man at least two generations of American ancestry before you use his name to swell the record of AMERICAN shame.

Who murdered Garfield? An American named Guitau. Who shot McKinley? Who attempted to kill Roosevelt?

Did you ever pause to consider how very few American States there are today? Montana, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Illinois, Utah, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Connecticut with over 50 per cent foreign population. These are all—not native born foreigners which brings the rate to over 75 per cent.

Of the latter class, Ohio has 50 per cent and 28 to 50 per cent foreign. Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire have from 25 to 50 per cent foreign. Figure out for yourself an estimate of native-born foreigners, the children of foreigners!

New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware have from 10 to 25 per cent foreign.

Oklahoma, Kentucky, West Virginia, Louisiana and Florida, 5 to 10 per cent foreign. Now, where are the Americans? In Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia?

And a large part of these are negroes. This makes about 50 per cent of native-born Americans in the United States!

So to furnish statistics of any value, we must state whether a man is German, English, French or Portuguese; whether he is of foreign or American descent. His political affiliations are rather unimportant.

The fact that a considerable lot

of British negroes in London in case of quinine the criminal record, as not a statistical basis for anything unless we state at the outset that these British subjects are negroes.

It is unwise to confine the name "American" to Americans, let us at least be more careful in statements which are a reflection upon all Americans.

E. S. GOODRICH, M. D.
Honolulu, December 6, 1912

PERSONALITIES

COL. SAM PARKER is expected to arrive home by the Wilhelmina, one day before Christmas.

MR. AND MRS. E. V. WILCOX, who have been away on an extended visit to the mainland returned this morning to the Mongolia.

S. POORMAN, Jr., a well known San Francisco attorney is an arrival at Honolulu as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia.

MRS. E. HYDE-SMITH, a prominent society woman of California is an arrival in this city as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia.

JUDGE W. C. VAN FLEET of San Francisco, is to visit the islands for a few weeks. He was a passenger in the Mongolia this morning.

J. SCOTT, of Toronto, Canada, a capitalist and promoter is a lay over passenger in the Mongolia. He will spend some weeks in the islands.

WILLIAM MCINERNEY, returning from a business and pleasure trip to the mainland was a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia this morning.

DR. E. C. STONER, of Los Angeles and Mrs. Stoner, passengers in the Mongolia will spend some weeks in visiting places of interest in the islands.

MRS. O. H. LEE arrived here on the Makura from her home in Malibu, Wash. She will remain here during the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Dingle.

DR. G. W. MCKEAN a dentist of note at Hongkong is returning to China after a vacation spent on the mainland. He is a through passenger in the Mongolia.

W. W. CHAMBERLAIN, of the Guardian Trust Co., is expected to return on the Lurline about the 19th inst. He has been visiting in Illinois for some time.

J. W. FOARD, representing the Western Electric Company is making a tour of the Far East and will spend some time in Japan. He is a passenger in the Mongolia.

MR. AND MRS. W. R. COLEMAN were among the well known Honoluluans to return from the coast as passengers in the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia from the coast.

A. B. KELLY who represented the Philippine Islands at the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore is returning to the Far East as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia.

MR. B. E. WILCOX, of Oakland, who is visiting the city with Mrs. Wilcox, gave a very interesting talk at Oahu College and Punahou Preparatory Wednesday morning. Mr. Wilcox has for many years been connected with field work of the Y. M. C. A., having been a leading factor in the development of the Oakland Y. M. C. A. He is now to be associated with Dr. Philip King Brown of San Francisco in carrying on the work connected with Dr. Brown's Miradero Sanitarium and also the Pacific Sanitarium for working girls in which Dr. Brown is the moving spirit. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have come to Hawaii for a brief vacation before he takes up his new work. They leave this evening for Hilo and the Volcano, returning to San Francisco on the Honolulu next week.

Mr. Wilcox is deeply interested in the Y. M. C. A. activities of the city and has been in frequent conference with the Y. M. C. A. workers, with many of whom he has enjoyed a previous acquaintance.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

PATROLMAN SWIFT—Never you mind; when President Wilson gets in he can call for Governor Frear's resignation and if the governor doesn't come through the president can put him on the carpet for insubordination. So ole Bill Taft isn't so smart as he thinks he is.

HEALANI-HIGH SOCCER.

A pre-season soccer game will be played tomorrow afternoon between the High Schools, champions of last season, and the Healanis. The game, which will be played on the lower campus, Punahou, is scheduled for 2:30 p. m.

For Sale

MANOA—Residence Lot 22,500 sq. ft. \$2250
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ANAPUNI ST.—Modern 1 1/2 story house \$4500
New Bungalow \$4850
YOUNG ST.—Residence lot, 12,981 sq. ft. \$2,000
PAWAA—Modern 1 1/2 story house \$4500
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*A Tip for the Arboriculturist

It has been discovered that about 40 per cent of the algeroba trees in Kaimuki are of the thornless variety. Where they have no prickles, there are lots of points in their favor.

We have property for sale in this district as follows:

We have the following property for sale in this district:
House and two lots, Palolo Hill \$3500.00
House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise \$2500.00
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki \$2600.00
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki \$2700.00
3 lots, cor. Kaimuki and Eighteenth Ave. \$1450.00
Claudine Ave. lots \$400.00
Lot on Palolo Hillside \$550.00
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